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SUBJ: EMERGENCY VISITATION TRAVEL: CHRISTOPHER
VAN HOLLEN

FOR KUX FROM AMBASSADOR

REF: STATE 86947, 88639

1. THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND SENTIMENTS.

I AM INDEED SORRY TO BE RETURNING TO THE UNITED
STATES AGAIN UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. I PLAN DEPART COLOMBO ON EMERGENCY VISITATION
TRAVEL AT 2250 APRIL 22, ARRIVING BALTIMORE VIA
PA-107 AND I HAVE SO INFORMED MY FAMILY. IF ON
BASIS PRE-ARRANGED TELEPHONE CALL TO MY SISTER
APRIL 19, I LEARN MY MOTHERS'S HEALTH IS DETERIORA-
TING VERY RAPIDLY, I PLAN ADVANCE MY DEPARTURE
AND LEAVE COLOMBO LATE EVENING APRIL 19.

3. I WILL TELEPHONE YOU FROM BALTIMORE AND MAY
WELL DECIDE, ON BASIS MY CONVERSATION WITH YOU,
TO COME OVER TO WASHINGTON FOR DAY OR TWO OF CON-
SULTATION. HOWEVER, I WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT THESE
CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE VERY INFORMAL AND LIMITED
ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TO NEA.

4. I AM SORRY TO LEARN THAT LIST OF DCM CANDIDATES
HAS DWINDLED AND HOPE THAT PER CAN PROMPTLY COME UP WITH NEW
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LIST OF WELL-QUALIFIED CANDIDATES, BOTH FSO-2S AND

FSO-3S. I WILL TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT MEL LEVINE
AND WILL PLAN TO DISCUSS ALL CANDIDATES WITH YOU.
WARM REGARDS.
VAN HOLLEN

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